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**Dear esteemed members,**

It has been an honor to serve as your Local Section Chair for the past two years. With the privilege the position afforded me, I was able to connect with hundreds of our fellow members and chemists across the country in meaningful ways. Moreover, this experience helped me become a better listener, and, in turn, a better leader.

I recognize that any success I have enjoyed did not happen in a vacuum. I was fortunate to have the help of our elected officers and a small army of volunteers throughout my time leading the Section.

Some of my colleagues consistently go above and beyond, and aspire for excellence in all they do for the Section, and I honor them in my final address.

My predecessor, Jim Shih, is the glue that holds the Section together. He works tirelessly to ensure that the small details for our events are always tended to. Councilor Jackie Trischman is a force to be reckoned with. When a challenge appears too great to overcome, Jackie somehow always finds a way. Councilor Valerie Kuck is one of the most caring people I have ever met. She has been responsible for coordinating and organizing the majority of our virtual seminars. The only reason we had consistent programming during the pandemic is because of her. Councilor David Wallace was instrumental in establishing a fruitful relationship with the SoCal Association for Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Advancements (SABPA). This initiative resulted in multiple collaborations that yielded the most popular events we have held this year. Last, but certainly not least, I recognize the immeasurable contributions of my colleague, William Tolley. Over the last two decades. He has served as our secretary and was a fixture of our Executive Committee leadership. I am deeply saddened to see such a dedicated leader conclude his final term. However, I wish him well and lots of success in his future endeavors. Thank you, Bill, for your steadfast service and for supporting me over the last three years.

As my term sunsets, I am excited for the future of our Section. I could not be happier that my protégé, Christina Vialva, will serve as my successor. Christina is a pioneer. She is the youngest Local Section member to ascend to the chairship and the first black

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female to hold the title. She will bring fresh ideas and excitement that will ultimately inspire more of our pre- and early career leaders into the fold. I congratulate her on how much she has accomplished professionally and academically in the four years I have known her. I look forward to seeing her continue her path to success and supporting her initiatives in the coming year.

May you enjoy a beautiful holiday season with your loved ones at your side, and may you have a prosperous 2024.

With gratitude,

**Juan Gonzalez**

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Meeting  
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### **Executive Committee Meeting Dates 2024**

6:30– 8:00 PM

January 4th

February 1st

March 7th

April 4th

May 2nd

June 6th

July 4th

August 1st

September 5th

October 3rd

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**Zoom Meeting**



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